

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 23, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Species III, which is illustrated in Figs. 14-17. Note, that claims 1, 12-15 and 29-36 read on the elected species. Note, that claim 1 has been amended to present a generic claim.

Having made the required election, an examination on the merits of the elected species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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1.(Amended) A hybrid pipette comprising:
a pipette casing;
a slide shaft vertically movable in response to an operation
of a pushbutton;
a plunger disposed below said slide shaft;
a spring for urging said plunger upwardly; and
[an engagement member coaxially and movably fitted on
said slide shaft, said engagement member extending through a hole of said pipette
casing so as to be movable at least vertically; and]
an electric motor [provided on an axis different from an axis
of said slide shaft, said electric motor being] operatively engaged with said plunger
[engagement member];
wherein, in a manual operation mode, said slide shaft and
plunger move vertically in response to the operation of said pushbutton to perform
suction and discharge of a liquid; and
wherein, in a motor-driven operation mode, said
[engagement member is driven to move vertically by said electric motor, whereby said]
plunger is moved vertically to perform suction and discharge of a liquid.

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